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OFF-DUTY LEHI FIREFIGHTER SAVES CHILD AT COMMUNITY POOL

Parents of Three-Year-Old Jude Horman Call Captain Jake Beck "A Hero"

Lehi, Utah | June 25, 2013 – On the afternoon of Thursday, June 13th, off-duty Lehi Fire Captain Jake Beck was in the right place at the right time for the Horman family of Lehi. Swimming with his family at the Cranberry Farms neighborhood pool, Captain Beck was alarmed by the calls of several people yelling, "Jake, save him!" Captain Beck was then handed unresponsive Jude Horman, a three-year-old Lehi resident who was found at the bottom of the pool, where he had laid for approximately three to five minutes.

Hillary Horman, Jude Horman's mother and a close friend of Captain Beck, recounted, "After grabbing Jude, I remember screaming Jake's name. I knew Jake was the only person there who could save Jude's life." After determining that Jude still had a pulse, Captain Beck began giving assisting respirations and back blows in an attempt to clear the water from Jude's stomach. Receiving no response, Captain Beck began administering CPR, with the help of by-stander Kelsey Jorgensen. "Jake never let Jude touch the ground," said Hillary Horman. Ms. Horman continued, "He held [Jude] through the entire process, as he would have done for his own son. He continued whispering to him, 'Come on buddy. Come on Jude.'"



After receiving CPR, Jude Horman opened his eyes and began to breath. A few minutes after the resuscitation, a Lehi Fire and Paramedic Crew arrived and took Jude to Primary Children's Medical Center. Jude was held at Primary Children's for observation, and his parents were told that there is a "99.9% chance" that Jude will recover without further complications.

"Captain Jake Beck saved Jude's life," says Ms. Horman. "I hope he is forever recognized for his amazing act of bravery and love. I am blessed to be on the receiving end of Jake's skills, knowledge, love, and courage." Captain Beck is grateful that he was on hand to provide assistance, "I am prouder than ever to call myself a firefighter and to serve the residents of Lehi City."

Captain Beck will be recognized for his actions by the Lehi Fire Department in coming weeks.

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